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Thanks Dad!

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Congratulations to Our Arise Graduates!

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Just about everyone at Arise knows Diane Gould. She is someone who genuinely gives of herself on many levels. She was born on Dec. 6, 1941, the day before Pearl Harbor was attacked. Her father wanted to name her Pearl, but her mother's name was Ruby and she thought that was just too much for one family. So they reverted to their previously chosen name.

An only child, Diane was born and raised Catholic in Auburn, Michigan. Being with family was the center of their social life. "I was lucky to grow up in close proximity to my cousins and next door to my grandparents, who were farmers," she says. "I have wonderful memories of those times." In fact, that was the beginning of a family tradition. Her own daughter grew up living next door to her paternal grandmother and she and her own family live next door to Diane now. "Of course, my grandchildren Avery and Amelia are the highlight of my life," she says enthusiastically.

After high school, Diane became an LPN. "I wanted to become a nurse since the age of 4," she recalls. "I always knew it was what I wanted to do." After graduation, she worked for a year, saved her money, then headed to California with her best friend, Bev. "We drove a convertible all over out there, and had lots of fun!"

When she returned to Michigan, she and her husband, Jim, settled in Ann Arbor. After her daughter Barbara was born, she worked part-time. "I also loved being a homemaker, working in my garden, baking, canning and making jam," she remembers fondly. After her marriage ended, she went to work at U of

M Hospital, where she and Beth Plachta became co-workers, and returned to school to become an R.N.

Asked why she came to Arise, she said that

Beth came over one day and told her that she and Matt were going to a new church in Pinckney that they really liked. "She told me, 'I really think these are your kind of people', and she was right." Diane attended the Potato Feast in 2000 and, as Beth likes to say, "Arise has never been the same!" "The next year Pastor Doug asked me to head up Relay for Life for Arise, and I agreed. Little did I know it was only two weeks away! I co-led it with Mary Read Gannon and Jan Richards over the next few years. Now Jen Wagner has taken it over and is doing a great job."

Raising money for cancer research is close to Diane's heart. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1997. "Ten years after my diagnosis, my doctor told me to do something special to celebrate, since only 20% of women with this diagnosis survive that long." And she's still going strong, despite three recurrences of her cancer. "I remember lying in the hospital the night after my surgery and I experienced what I call



Pastor's Column



Pastor Don Weatherup

I was on my way home recently and I was feeling good. I had visited two people in the hospital and the visits were great! I left the hospital feeling good, because I really felt like God had used me to bring comfort to two different families. As I pulled out of the hospital parking lot, I noticed the sun was shining and it was warm outside. I merged on to US 23 and started heading back to Pinckney.

With 90 minutes until the next item on my daily agenda, things were going well. I'd have time to grab dinner before my next meeting. I rolled my window down, turned on the radio, and sipped a cold caffeine-free Diet Coke. Life at that moment was so very good. I drove around the big curve at Domino Farms, and then...

Brake lights galore! My moment of solitude came to a crashing halt. We crept along for about a half-hour when I saw one of those horrifying orange signs that read, "construction ahead." Yes, Michigan's state symbol, the dreaded orange and white barrels, lined the road as far as I could see. My typical 40-minute trip took an hour and a half! The problem was not only construction, but also a small fender bender.

It was during that bumper-to-bumper stretch that I looked at one of the construction workers and actually felt a tinge of anger. I asked the typical questions in my head. "How come it takes you so long to fix the road? How come we have to slow down to a crawl? How come

this, how come that, how come? And then reality hit me, and I listened to a small voice in my head. "These people are not trying to make your life miserable; they are trying to **make it better!** After all, when the roads are in horrible shape, you complain. Here these people are trying to fix the road and **even then you complain!**"

That voice in my head makes me smile at myself. It's a smile of embarrassment, really, and I find I'm actually laughing at myself. When that voice talks, it's usually right, because that small voice is the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Thankfully, as is often the case, it took the Holy Spirit whacking me upside the head with a dose of reality to help me realize that, unfortunately, sometimes you have to suffer a little inconvenience in life to make things better. It is a simple and yet profound truth. My thoughts progressed.

That's what God is doing with my life, and yours. God allows our lives to get a little roughed up sometimes to help make us better people. To help us trust God more and to refine our character.

Next time you're going through a rough road in life, try your best not to get angry with God. First, see if God isn't just setting out some of those orange and white barrels in order to help you. Maybe God is doing a little soul resurfacing. Don't worry, you'll still get where you're headed. It just may take a little longer than you thought.

With you on the journey,

Don

Mother's Day Surprise!

Rich Sliter, Jerry Dawson and Steve Carey were joined on stage at the end of the Mother's Day service by men in the congregation to sing several tributes to the Moms of Arise, featuring Beatles and other popular music. Just shows what a few good men can do!



Membership Committee Focuses on Welcoming Visitors

The new Membership Committee met recently and the energy was contagious! The group decided to build on Council's 2009 goal to encourage church growth. People invariably say that the thing they love most about Arise is the warmth and friendliness of the congregation. They say that our church has a special quality that feels like family. The Membership Committee wants to put some structure around these observations, to enhance the welcome that visitors feel when they come to our church for the first time.

We will be giving Arise mugs filled with candy as gifts to first time visitors, along with an Arise brochure and a pre-stamped card to return in the mail. These will be found on the information table and Pastor Don will invite guests to take one if they wish.

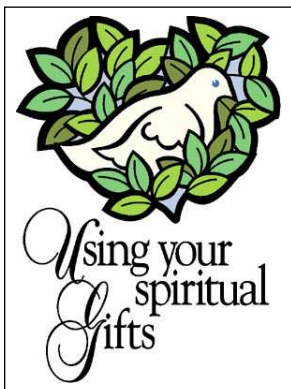
A team of greeters will be identified and trained; so we can be purposeful about welcoming visitors to Arise, be able to direct people to worship services, nursery and Sunday School. Other ideas regarding directing visitors to one entrance, external and internal wayfinding and ways to integrate new attendees over time will be explored and developed.

These are only a few of the many ways we can increase and maintain our warm welcome to visitors. Everyone can help by being aware of who our guests are and extending them a warm welcome.

Members on this committee are Karen Vaden, Cheryl Bollinger, Steve Cary, Beth Plachta, Don Weatherup and Fran and Gene Smith. Feel free to share your ideas about ways to welcome and support our visitors and new attendees with this group. We will also work on ways to support our current congregation and will be reporting on those in the months to come.



Arise to Offer Spiritual Gifts Workshop



Every believer is given spiritual gifts. These gifts are divinely given abilities designed to serve the Church. When you volunteer in the church using your spiritual gifts, your work is more fruitful, more rewarding, and more successful.

Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? We'd like to help you find out! Arise Church will present "The Network Workshop:

Right People...in the Right Places...for the Right Reason... at the Right Time!!" Surveys have been distributed in the church handouts, so that the 6 hour workshop can be offered at convenient times, based on expressed preferences. If you did not receive or complete one, see Cheryl Bollinger or Pastor Don for more details. Praise God for the many gifts we have at Arise!

Arise Missions: Haiti Kits Shipped!

The Arise family pulled together to prepare and ship a total of 135 Total Kits to Haiti, in 8 tubs. This included 68 School Kits, 58 Health Kits and 9 Layette Kits plus \$160 to cover the shipping. Pastor Don congratulated everyone for their generosity, saying:

I think that is a wonderful response, particularly in light of current economic conditions. Our Missions Committee did another great job engaging the congregation and encouraging them to bring the hope of Christ, in a very tangible way, to some very needy people.

Special thanks go to Barbara Haines and Ethel Ward, from Threads of Faith; they sewed the bags.



Arise 2009 Graduates



Tony Whalen is graduating in June from Stockbridge High School. He plans to attend Lansing Community College in the fall and commute to classes from home. Tony will take classes in computer programming and will participate in a computer programming internship this fall through the Career Center. When he's not working or studying, Tony continues to enjoy Tae Kwon Do classes with his dad.

Olivia Dawson graduates from Pinckney High School in June. She will be attending Oakland University this fall and will begin training as a physical therapist. She will be living on campus and hopes to find work at the University while she takes classes. Olivia dances for the



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Spotlight Dance Company and would love to become involved in dance at college at some point.

Kahlin Dawson graduates in December from U of M Dearborn with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. He was one of two students chosen to participate in a year long cellular and genetics research studies under direction of the

department head, beginning this fall. Next year he may be eligible to begin a Doctoral degree at Florida State without needing a Masters degree first. Kahlin loves fast cars and motorcycles and will leave U-M Dearborn as the captain of their hockey team.



Matt Concannon will be a 2009 Pinckney High School graduate. He has been taking four years of Machine Technology classes during high school and will continue that line of study at Washtenaw Community College. This field involves all types of metal working. Matt has been working at Kroger for part of this school year and loves to fish and play guitar in his spare time. He is also a great addition to the Arise Praise Band with his guitar and musical talents.



Jessica Concannon graduates from Eastern Michigan University in December with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. In September, she will start her student teaching at Lakeland Elementary School. She is a personal assistant for a client with cerebral palsy, does some babysitting, and takes wedding photos on occasion. She will work at Spring Hill Camp this summer in Ewart, Mich. as an Area Director and counselor. In her spare time, she enjoys travel and photography (www.jessicaconcannonphotography.com).



Carrie Germain is graduating from Eastern Michigan University in June with a Master degree in Social Work. She has been working for the last seven years at Livingston Community Mental Health with her Bachelor's in Social Work, as a Service Coordinator for developmentally disabled children and adults. Carrie is already quite busy with her family of three children and she and husband Kevin are expecting another baby on June 6. When she is ready to return to work, she will likely continue to work with families. Carrie likes to work outdoors in her yard, swim and read, as well as spend time with her growing family.

Daphney Weatherup

is graduating from Pinckney High School this June. She plans to attend Michigan State University and will be studying Business and foreign language - either French or Spanish. She currently works at Busch's in Pinckney. When she has the time, she loves to shop and exercise, as well as spend time with family and her boyfriend.



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Tucker Russell graduates from Pinckney High School in June. He will be attending City College of San Francisco, where he will begin general studies. He really looks forward to moving to California. For now, he is working at Subway in Hamburg. When he's not working, Tucker's leisure-time activities are Xbox games, working out, and being a total pizza-holic.

Katherine Guyon graduated with honors in May from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. She continues to work on campus in the dorms and hopes to work for Ingham Community Mental Health later this summer, where she will be working as a family support worker for children ages 5-18. In September, she will pursue a Masters in clinical psychology from EMU. Katherine loves to learn, help people, and relax and have a good time with friends and family. She wants to thank her parents and her boyfriend, Chris and his family for their love and support during these college years away from home.



Congratulations to Our Arise Grads!!!



Relay for Life Held May 15 & 16

Despite heavy rain, the Arise team participated in the Brighton Relay for Life under the able direction of team captain Jen Wagner. Relay for Life is a celebration of life as well as a tribute to those we have lost to cancer. Thanks to all who participated!

Relay Participants 2009:

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| Diane Gould | Steve, Cheryl, C.J., and Austin Bollinger |
| Carol Sanborn | Evva Funk |
| Wayne and Mary Ellen Kieb | Laura Bowen |
| Duane and Barb Haines | Jerry and Vicki Dawson |
| Mark and Barbara Wood | April Flanagan |
| Donna Terhune | Brenda Whalen |
| Mary, Jim, and Chris Gannon | Merilee Zane |
| Ann Harrell and Barb Espinoza | Tina Cary |
| Norma Topp | Penny Dunlap |
| Ron and Gayle Fike | Anita Pagano |
| Steve, Beverly, and Lindsey Selvig | Norine Bibicoff |

Plus a big "Thank You" to all of the supporters who sponsored and prayed for the participants!



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“the Star Wars feeling” – the Force was with me. I felt a presence surrounding me that was comforting and calming. I tried to talk myself out of it, unable to explain the feeling. Later I found out my daughter’s roommate’s prayer group had formed a prayer circle at that exact moment in Chicago and were praying for me. I finally accepted that I had felt the power of that experience. I was told I’d be lucky to survive a year. So now I know that only God knows how long you will live. My main concern was thinking I wouldn’t live to see grandchildren, but I am fortunate that didn’t happen.”

Asked how her cancer experience has changed her, she doesn’t hesitate. “I enjoy every day. I make a point to eat a little chocolate every day. I don’t worry like I used to. I live in the “now”. It has been a significant spiritual and emotional event for me. It has changed my outlook. I volunteer at the U-M Cancer Center and love to talk to people getting chemo, so they can see what is possible.” Diane made some health changes, as a result of this. “I continued to be a vegetarian, which I had started two years prior. If I’m tired, I rest and don’t push myself like I used to do.”

Before her illness, Diane used to have an antique glass business. She thought the only skill she had was selling antiques and didn’t think

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Father! To God himself we cannot give a holier name.

— William Wordsworth

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday _____

Worship Service at Arise Acres

9:00 am – Traditional Worship

9:45 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Contemporary Worship

Sunday _____

7:00 pm

Divorce Care

Wednesday _____

7:00 pm

Wednesday Nighters

Pinckney H.S.

Graduation is

June 7 at 3:00 pm

at Hill Auditorium

in Ann Arbor



Join Us At VBS!

VBS Dates:

Vacation Bible

School will be

held from July

20th – 24th

this year.

August 1st at

Arise Acres

Worship

Jamboree/

Emmaus

Gathering:

Everyone

Welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31 Worship at Arise Acres 10:30 God's Kids Rehearsal 4 pm God Squad	1	2 7 pm Church Council	3	4	5 10 am TGIF Sisters	6
7 Holy Communion Trinity Sunday Graduation Sunday/Brunch Worship at Arise Acres 1 pm "One" LIFE team	8	9	10	11	12	13 The Deer Project
14 Worship at Arise Acres 10:30 God's Kids in the Service 4 pm God Squad	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Worship at Arise Acres	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship at Arise Acres 4 pm God Squad	29	30	1	2	3	4

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that could be of much use to a church. At the Arise Fall Festival in 2001, she saw the rummage sale there and decided that was her calling. With the help of the whole church, she co-led with Nancy Bartel, and the Arise Barn Sale came to be, raising thousands of dollars for the Arise Building Fund and other causes.

Diane leads the Nurse Parish Team, providing health information and blood pressure checks for the Arise congregation. She started the Arise Cancer Support Group

and the Caring Ministry Team is another a service in which she has been deeply involved. She is a current member of the Wednesday Nighters Bible Study group and is involved in too many other ways to mention. How does she feel about Arise? "This church is an extended family to me. I am so appreciative of the way they have supported me over the years – it's been overwhelming."

Back at 'ya, Diane. We're the fortunate ones to have you with us at Arise!



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June Anniversaries

6/2 Bob & Brenda Whalen—**Happy 25th!**
6/16 Peter & Sherry Graham
6/21 Don & Jane Fuller
6/23 Don & Shelley Weatherup

June Birthdays

6/5	Tim Richards	6/18	Jen Wagner
6/12	Brad Topp	6/28	Sally Guyon
6/20	Paul Pagano, Jr.	6/29	Mark Wood

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